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1. JAPAN

MARITIME SAFETY AGENCY SAID TUESDAY NK PATROL BOAT FIRED ON JAPANESE FISHING BOAT 108 MILES E OF DAIREN IN YELLOW SEA, KILLING TWO OF NINE CREW MEMBERS, WOUNDING TWO; 49-TON SHIP SHOSEI-MARU SEIZED, TOWED TOWARD NK, ACCORDING WITNESSES ON OTHER JAPANESE FISHING BOATS NEARBY. MFA SAID ASKED PRC THROUGH DIP CHANNELS, AND NK THROUGH JAPAN RED CROSS INVESTIGATE CASE (UPI, NYT, WP, CHITRIB). NO RESPONSE YET (SUN). MSA SAID OTHER JAPANESE FISHING BOATS ASKED LEAVE AREA NEAR SEA BOUNDARY BETWEEN PRC, NK TO UNCLASSIFIED

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AVOID SIMILAR INCIDENTS (UPI, NYDN).

NK WEDNESDAY SAID DETAINED JAPANESE FISHING BOAT IN YELLOW SEA, BUT DID NOT REFER TOKYO REPORT TWO CREW MEMBERS

KILLED. NK OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY BROADCAST SAID SHOSEI-MARU INTRUDED INTO NK TERRITORIAL WATERS (REUTER, TOKYO).

YATES (CHITRIB) IN TOKYO SAYS GOJ, SEEKING NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH NK IN RECENT MONTHS, JOLTED BY REPORTS OF INCIDENT" QUOTES GOJ SOURCE HOPING THIS IS "ISOLATED INCIDENT"; SOURCE SAID UNABLE UNDERSTAND REASON FOR

"UNPROVOKED ATTACK ON DEFENSELESS VESSEL IN NEUTRAL WATERS ON THE HIGH SEAS." GOJ PROCEEDING CAUTIOUSLY, HAS NOT FORMALLY PROTESTED TO NK.

SEIDEN (SUN) IN TOKYO NOTES CONDUCTOR KOJI OKAMOTO ORGANIZING "BANZAI TOUR" TO FOLLOW EMPEROR ON UNPRECEDENTED US TOUR NEXT MONTH. TOUR ENDORSED BY "RIGHT-WING" LDP DIETMAN HISATSUNE SAKOMIZU, WHO ASKS IN TOUR PROMOTION AD: "PLEASE JOIN US IN OUR EFFORT TO DEEPEN FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE US," MAKE US VISIT BY EMPEROR, EMPRESS SUCCESS. TOUR ADS BEING SENT GROUPS LIKE LIONS CLUBS, FARMERS' COOPS. SO FAR, 600 PERSONS APPLIED. IMPERIAL HOUSEHOLD AGENCY SPOKESMAN SAID "WE ARE A BIT BOTHERED" BY TOUR WHICH HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IMPERIAL HOUSEHOLD; "NOT AT ALL SURE" MAJESTIES WILL BE GLAD SEE "SAME FACES WAITING FOR THEM ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES." NATIONAL POLICE SAID SCREENING APPLICANTS TO ELIMINATE POTENTIAL DEMONSTRATORS, TERRORISTS.

CULLISON (JOC) IN TOKYO SAYS TEXTILE FIRM KOHJIN FACING BANKRUPTCY TOLD MONDAY BY MITI IT DESIGNATED "ELIGIBLE" FOR EMERGENCY BANK CREDITS TO KEEP TEMPORARILY AFLOAT. WILL PERMIT KOHJIN TAP NEW LINES OF CREDIT, BUT ONLY TO KEEP SMALLER CREDITORS, SUBSIDIARIES, FROM GOING OUT OF BUSINESS AS DIRECT RESULT COLLAPSE LARGE CORP.

CULLSION NOTES GM NEGOTIATING TO STRENGTHEN PRESENT 34.2 PERCENT CONTROL OF ISUZU MOTORS, JAPAN'S SEVENTH UNCLASSIFIED

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LARGEST AUTO MAKER. ISUZU PRES ARAMAKI TOLD PRESS TUESDAY TALKS SINCE JUNE CENTER ON GMAC PARTICIPATION IN ISUZU MOTORS FINANCE CO.

CULLISON REPORTS OCEAN CARRIERS SERVING TRANSPACIFIC JAPAN, KOREA TRADE PLANNING FORM "TALKING AGREEMENT" SIMILAR THOSE IN HK, TAIWAN TRADE. WOULD ALLOW CONFERENCE, NON-CONFERENCE CARRIERS DISCUSS RATES, IMMUNE FROM US ANTI-TRUST LAWS.

NINTH-LARGEST SHIPPING FIRM TERUKUNI KAIUN PETITIONS COURT FOR PROTECTION UNDER "CORPORATE REHABILITATION LAW." HAS 3.6 MILLION DWT IN EIGHT SHIPS OF OWN, 30 UNDER

CHARTER. POSTED 3.4 MILLION DOL DEFICIT IN JFY THAT ENDED MARCH 31, MAINLY DUE TANKER SLUMP. COURTS ATTACHED TWO OF FIRM'S SHIPS IN EUR PORTS THIS SUMMER, TO SATISFY CLAIMS OF EUR CREDITORS FOR PAYMENT OF OVERDUE CHARTER FEES OF 8.3 MILLION DOLS (WSJ, TOKYO).

MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO EXPECTED REGISTER 100 MILLION DOL CONVERTIBLE SECURITY ISSUE WITH SEC SOON; PLANS BEGIN SALE IN US NOVEMBER "AT EARLIEST" (WSJ NY).

KEEP DIRECTOR TATABE SAYS FOUND WAY FEED SAWDUST TO CATTLE, BY MIXING WITH WHISKEY SEDIMENT, TOMATO JUICE, YEAST. CLAIMS CATTLE LIKE IT, BEEF, MILK TASTE BETTER, HAS LOWER CHOLESTEROL THAN CONVENTIONALLY-FED CATTLE, AT ONE-TWENTIETH COST (REUTER, WP).

2. KOREA

NATL STUDENT DEFENSE CORPS ORGANIZED TUESDAY, INCORPORATING ALL HS, UNIVERSITY STUDENTS INTO PARAMILITARY SYSTEM. ROKG SAYS PRIMARY FUNCTION TO DEFEND REAR AREAS IN CASE OF WAR, EVEN JOIN FRONT-LINE FIGHTING AGAINST ATTACKERS FROM NORTH. PM KIM JONG PIL IN FORMAL INAUGURAL CEREMONY ATTENDED BY 40,000 STUDENTS, ROKG DIGNITARIES WARNED NATION NOT "REPEAT THE PAINFUL MISTAKE" OF PAST, REFERRING TO SK UNPREPAREDNESS WHEN NK ATTACKED IN 1950 (NYT SPECIAL, SEOUL).

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3. INDOCHINA

NVN'S PHAM VAN DONG REPEATS OFFER ESTABLISH DIP RELS WITH US (WP; PHINQ; ANDELMAN, NYT) IN SPEECH AT HANOI RALLY MARKING 30TH ANNIVERSARY INDEPENDENCE, SAYS LOOKS FORWARD TO FAVORABLE RESPONSE, SINCE "MAJORITY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND MANY POLITICAL CIRCLES" WILL SUPPORT MOVE. ADDS SO FAR AS NVN CONCERNED, 1973 PARIS AGREEMENT STILL VALID DOCUMENT. PORTION OF PREMIER'S SPEECH REVIEWING US INVOLVEMENT IN VN NOTABLY RESTRAINED (WU, SUN).

HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS VIETS PARADE THROUGH HANOI, SAIGON TO CELEBRATE HO'S DECLARATION VIET INDEPENDENCE FROM FRANCE (WP; PHINQ). ANDELMAN IN BANGKOK DESCRIBES HANOI SCENE WHERE COMMUNIST LEADERS FROM NVN, SVN, CAMBODIA, LAOS, USSR, PRC REVIEWED PARADE FROM STAND ADJOINING NEW HO MAUSOLEUM. REPORTS LEADERS LATER BEGAN SERIES OF CONFERENCES, NATURE OF WHICH NOT YET DISCLOSED. NOTES CEREMONIES IN SAIGON, AS WELL. POINTS OUT SIHANOUK LED CAMBODIAN DELEGATION, LAOS REPRESENTED BY SOUPHANOUVONG. IN KEYNOTE ADDRESS,

PHAM VAN DONG EMPHASIZED NEED FOR CLOSE NVN, SVN COOPERATION, WHILE STEERED CLEAR OF IMMEDIATE MERGER INDICATIONS. MENTIONS RTG FONMIN DID NOT ATTEND CEREMONIES, SENT REGRETS; COMMENTS THAT NVN EFFORTS ESTABLISH RELS WITH OTHER SEA COUNTRIES HAVE STALLED IN RECENT WKS. ADDS GIAP REITERATED RECENT THEME AMONG NVN LEADERS: NECESSITY SMASH COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY SCHEMES, DEFEND TERRITORY, WATERS, ISLANDS OF "INDEPENDENT AND UNIFIED" VN.

WU IN HK CALLS DONG SPEECH MAJOR DOMESTIC, FOREIGN POLICY ADDRESS. NOTES PREMIER REAFFIRMED CLOSE COOPERATION WITH COUNTRIES THAT AIDED VIET COMMUNISTS, SAID VN NOW DEVELOPING FORMAL TIES WITH ALL OTHER COUNTRIES ACCORDING ACCEPTED INTL STDS, PLEDGED STRENGTHEN FRIENDSHIP WITH CAMBODIA, LAOS. STATED REUNIFICATION LOFTY IDEA, BUT ATPRESENT DRV, PRG WILL COOPERATE CLOSELY UNDER LEADERSHIP VN WORKERS PARTY. EMPHASIZED ECON PROBLEMS, NEED FOR REHABILITATION, UNCLASSIFIED

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DEVELOPMENT, SOCIALIST TRANSFORMATION, CONSTRUCTION, GRADUAL IMPROVEMENT LIVING STD. CALLED ELIMINATION LEGACY US-SUPPORTED WAR PROBLEM OF SVN, WITH NEED STABILIZATION SOCIAL ORDER, STRENGTHEN SECURITY, ESTABLISH REV POWER, FIND JOBS FOR UNEMPLOYED. CALLED ON NATL CAPITALISTS CONTRIBUTE TO NATION; FORESAW SAIGON AS IMPORTANT LINK WITH SEA, WORLD AS INTL RELS EXPAND.

ESTIMATED 250,000 PARADE IN SAIGON (WP; PHINQ; UPI, NYT). NEW SVN REGIME CLAIMS SEAT AT IMF WITHOUT PROTEST OTHER MEMBERS (AP, WASHINGTON). IN PARIS, SEN HUMPHREY SAID REBUFFED IN ATTEMPT SEE SVN DIPLOMATS TO INQUIRE ABOUT FATE 20 AMCITS UNABLE LEAVE SVN. HE HAD CABLED FOR APPOINTMENT IN ADVANCE, TOLD WOULD BE RECEIVED, BUT WHEN ARRIVED WAS TOLD MAN HE WAS SUPPOSED TO SEE WAS OUT OF TOWN (PHINQ; AP, WP).

USSR DELEGATION AT HANOI MET WITH CAMBODIAN LEADERS IN FIRST KNOWN HIGH-LEVEL CONTACT SINCE KR TOOK PP (WP). TASS SAYS DELEGATION SAW SIHANOUK, KHIEU SAMPHAN FOR TALKS ON PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST HELD IN FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE (REUTER, NYT).

CUBANS IDENTIFY WITH VN, HAVE DEVELOPED CLOSE CULTURAL, EMOTIONAL TIES OVER YEARS. HAVE WORLD'S FIRST SPANISH-VIET DICTIONARY; PUBLISH WORKS BY HO, GIAP; PRINT MORE NEWS FROM VN THAN ANY OTHER COUNTRY (REUTER, CSM).

SRI LANKA JOURNALIST WHO ENTERED CAMBODIA FROM THAI BORDER FOR 20-HR VISIT REPORTS VILLAGES DESERTED, PEOPLE WORKING ON LAND, ALL MOVEMENT LIMITED EXCEPT

FOR TRUCKS THAT CARRY RICE, GAS BOUGHT FROM THAILAND.
QUOTES KR OFFICIAL THAT REPUBLIC WILL BE DECLARED
WITH SIHANOUK AS PRES; LON NOL AND FOLLOWERS LEFT GREAT

QUANTITY US MONEY BEHIND, ALL LOCAL CURRENCY CONFISCATED,
BEING USED FOR FUEL. OFFICIAL ADDED THAT ALL MUST WORK
FOR "WE USE...THE GUN," BUT NO ONE STARVES EXCEPT THOSE
WHO RUN AWAY (NYT).

LAOTIAN GOVT REPORTEDLY AWAITS ARRIVAL NEW GROUP SOVIET
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TECHNICIANS TO WORK ON USSR-FINANCED MINING, WATER PRO-
JECTS. ACTING FONMIN SAID 1500 SOVIET ADVISERS,
TECHNICIANS IN COUNTRY, BUT WESTERN SOURCES IN VIENTIANE
ESTIMATE NUMBER AT NOT OVER 500 (WP). GOVT INTRODUCES
NEW NATL FLAG. FORMER BANNER HAD 3-HEADED ELEPHANT
ON RED BACKGROUND; NEW HAS NARROW RED STRIPES AT TOP,
BOTTOM, LARGE BLUE STRIPE IN MIDDLE WITH LARGE WHITE
CIRCLE AT CENTER (AFP, NYT).

4. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

LAT'S MCARTHUR (8/31) TELLS OF FORMER LT GEN KHUYEN WHO
WAS ARVN SUPPLY BOSS, COULD HAVE RIPPED OFF MILLIONS,
LEFT WITH NOTHING, NOW WORKS AS WAITER IN VA (ABRIDGED IN
GLOBE 9/1). US ROAD BUMPY FOR SOME RESETTLED VIETS,
WITH 120 OUT OF 500 IN MASS ON WELFARE, 60,000 STILL IN
CAMPS (UPI, GLOBE 9/1). CHITRIB'S WIEDRICH TELLS OF
VIET ORPHAN SISTERS ADJUSTMENT TO LIFE IN US FOSTER
HOME AS "LOVE CONQUERS THE CULTURE BARRIER." GLOBE
CARRIES AP STORY OF VIET TOT IN FLA KINDERGARTEN. UPI
QUOTES AUTHORITIES THAT REMAINING 876 REFUGEES AT EGLIN
ALL HAVE SPONSORS WHO WILL TAKE THEM BEFORE CAMP'S
SEPT 15 CLOSING (NYDN).

5. CHINA

UPI (HK) CITES RECENTLY-MONITORED PRC RADIO REPORTS
THAT PLA UNITS HAVE BEEN SENT INTO STEEL PLANTS AND
COAL MINES IN ANWHEI, KIANGSU PROVINCES AND MONGOLIA
"TO SUPPORT INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION." CHINA SPECIALISTS
BELIEVE TROOPS DISPATCHED BECAUSE INDUSTRIAL STRIFE,
FACTIONAL FIGHTING, OTHER DISTURBANCES, HAVE DISRUPTED
PRODUCTION IN MANY ENTERPRISES THROUGHOUT PRC (WP).

REUTER (PEKING) REPORTS PEKING HAS INDEFINITELY
POSTPONED INTRODUCING NEW SYSTEM OF TRANSLITERATING
CHINESE CHARACTERS INTO WESTERN ALPHABET (PINYIN
PHONETIC ROMANIZING SYSTEM), SCHEDULED FOR THIS MONTH,
NO NEW DATE SET, NO REASON GIVEN FOR POSTPONEMENT--
BUT FOREIGNERS IN PEKING WERE CONCERNED THERE WOULD

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BE CONFUSION DURING INTRODUCTORY PERIOD.

CSM'S MURARKA, IN MOSCOW, SAYS SOVIET IS CONCERNED THAT PEKING MAY BE ENCOURAGING ASEAN'S EVOLUTION INTO MILITARY GROUPING, IN MOVE TO COUNTER MOSCOW'S INFLUENCE IN VN, WHICH IS GROWING AT PRC'S EXPENSE.

6. HONG KONG

HK GOVT DECIDES CRACK DOWN ON WIDE-SPREAD PORNOGRAPHIC COMIC BOOKS PUBLICATION -- CONSIDERED UNSUITABLE LITERATURE FOR CHINESE CHILDREN, THOUGH READ BY THOUSANDS OF ADULTS -- WITH TOUGH NEW "OBJECTIONABLE PUBLICATIONS" BILL (UPI, WP).

7. THAILAND

ADB APPROVES 20 MILLION DOL CREDIT FOR INDUSTRIAL FINANCE CORP OF THAILAND FOR RELENDING TO PRIVATE INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES (JOC 9/2). US WILL END OPERATIONS AT NAKHON PHANOM BY END OCT, WITH US MIL PERSONNEL REDUCED BY 3000 TO 16,500 (REUTER BANGKOK). CSM CARRIES AP PHOTO OF CAMBODIAN CHILDREN IN KLONG YAI REFUGEE CAMP.

8. TIMOR

CHIEF PORT PEACE-SEEKER FLIES TO ATAURO FROM AUSTRALIA FOR TALKS WITH GOVT OFFICIALS WHO FLED DILI. HOPES CONTACT WARRING GROUPS (CHITRIB). TIMOR'S FATE APPEARS UNCERTAIN WITH NO SIGN CONCRETE INTL ACTION RESTORE ORDER. SPECIAL PORT ENVOY HAD UNPRODUCTIVE TALKS WITH WHITLAM, EXPECTED RETURN AUSTRALIA AFTER CONFERRING WITH TIMOR GOV. WHITLAM SAID GOA WOULD NOT SPEND PEACE-KEEPING FORCE INTO TIMOR, EVEN IN CONCERT WITH OTHER NATIONS. DILI IN FRETELIN HANDS, FIGHTING STOPPED EXCEPT FOR SPORADIC SNIPING; BAUCAU HELD BY RIVAL UDT. AUSSIE PLANE FLIES FIRST MED SUPPLIES, RED CROSS WORKERS INTO DILI AFTER FRETELIN CLEARANCE. IN CANBERRA, LABOR MPS SAY GOA WILLING HELP TIMOR GET BACK TO NORMAL, GOA TRYING PERSUADE INDONESIA NOT SEND MIL FORCE (REUTER, SUN).

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SUN, PHINQ, CHITRIB, CARRY AP PHOTO REFUGEES ABOARD EVACUATION BOAT AT DILI; SUN, CHITRIB ALSO CARRY AP PICTURE LEFTIST GUERRILLAS FIRING AT HOUSE IN CAPITAL.

9. MALAYSIA

TWO POLICE KILLED, 40 WOUNDED BY HAND GRENADES THROWN BY COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS INTO CANTEEN, DRILL GROUND AT KL 9/3 (REUTER KL).

10. AUSTRALIA/NZ

JOC'S STOVE, IN SYDNEY, REPORTS INCREASED PRESSURE PLACED ON GOA TO DEVALUE AUSSIE CURRENCY, FOLLOWING NZ'S DECISION LAST MONTH TO DEVALUE BY 15 PCT.

GOA DECIDES TO BUY 27 COCOS ISLANDS FROM FAMILY THAT HAS RULED THEM NEARLY CENTURY AND HALF. UN MISSION VISITING ISLANDS IN NOV RETURNED UNEASY ABOUT "DOMINATION" OF ISLANDS' ECONOMY BY OWNER "KING OF THE COCOS" JOHN CLUNIES-ROSS, AND SUGGESTED AUSTRALIA INTRODUCE OWN DOLLAR AS OFFICIAL CURRENCY (NYT, WP).

NZ AGREEMENT WITH IRAN TO SUPPLY 10,000 METRIC TONS OF FROZEN LAMB RUNS INTO DIFFICULTIES -- NOT POSSIBLE FIND SHIPPING AT ECONOMIC RATE (JOC).

11. PHILIPPINES

JOC CARRIES 8-PAGE AD SUPPLEMENT ON "THE PHILIPPINES TODAY," MADE POSSIBLE BY: BANKERS ASSN OF PHILS; PHIL CHAMBER OF INDUSTRIES; C OF C; PHILS ASSN OF EMBROIDERY AND APPAREL EXPORTERS, INC; TEXTILE MILLS ASSN; AND UNITED COCONUT ASSN.

FERTILIZER CORP OF INDIA COMMISSIONED AS CONSULTANTS BY PHILS INDUSTRY AUTHORITY TO ASSIST AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS IN ANALYSIS, PLANNING, FEASIBILITY AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT OF PROPOSED AMMONIA UREA COMPLEX (JOC).

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ACCORDING TO REPORTS TO PACIFIC SCIENCE CONGRESS IN VANCOUVER LAST WEEK, ALL MAJOR LAND AREAS SURROUNDING PACIFIC, APART FROM SOUTH AMERICA AND ANTARCTICA, WERE SETTLED BY MAN EARLY AS 30,000 YEARS AGO -- FAR EARLIER THAN MANY ARCHAEOLOGISTS HAD SUPPOSED. EVEN IN ISOLATED AUSTRALIA, MAN APPARENTLY WAS BUILDING FIRES 40,000 YEARS AGO (SULLIVAN, NYT).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

13. JAPAN

ON EVE OF IMF MEETING, KRAFT (WP 8/31) STATES GROWTH

OF TRADE OVER PAST DECADE HAS WORKED TO "SYNCHRONIZE" WHAT WERE ONCE SEPARATE NATL ECONOMIES. THUS JAPAN, WEUR NATIONS SHARED FIRST SIMULTANEOUS BOOMS IN HISTORY IN 1973, 74, FOLLOWED BY RECESSION FROM WHICH ALL NOW SLOWLY RECOVERING. BECAUSE OF THIS SYNCHRONIZATION, EVEN MOST POWERFUL COUNTRY CANNOT SOLVE BASIC ECONOMIC PROBLEMS BY ITSELF, AND US FINDS SELF IMPORTING INFLATION BUT EXPORTING RECESSION, SLOW RECOVERY. AS RESULT, FRANCE, FRG, UK AND JAPAN JOIN, WITH INCREASING URGENCY, IN ASKING US PARTICPATE INTL SUMMIT MEETING TO COORDINATE MORE RAPID INTL ECONOMIC RECOVERY. RUES FACT ADMIN HAS NO ECONOMIC ADVISOR OF ADEQUATE CALIBER TO PLAY REQUIRED INTL ROLE.

NYT SPECIAL (TOKYO 8/30) COMPARES COMMON BUDGETARY ILLS OF TOKYO, NYC WHICH FACE LARGE DEFICIT. NOTES NYC PLIGHT BUILT INTO CITY'S MAKEUP, BUT TOKYO'S FINANCIAL TROUBLES LARGELY LINKED TO NATL ECONOMY -- WHEN IT TURNS UP SO WILL REVENUES, OF WHICH BUSINESS FIRMS PROVIDE MORE THAN 50 PERCENT IN CORPORATE TAXES. THUS, TOKYO OFFICIALS FEEL NO PANIC OVER 5.5 PERCENT DEFICIT IN 9.1 BILLION DOL BUDGET -- SIMPLY PLAN SPEND LESS MONEY ON SERVICES.

EDMUND WHITE (WP 8/29) REVIEWS IVAN MORRIS BOOK, "THE NOBILITY OF FAILURE," THAT TRACES TRADITION OF "FAILED HERO" -- SINCERE, IMPRACTICAL, DOOMED
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TYPE WHO HAS BEEN ADMIRERED OVER THE CENTURIES IN JAPAN. MORRIS FOLLOWS COMMON THREAD FROM FLAWED HEROES OF SEMI-MYTHICAL 4TH CENTURY, THROUGH KAMIKAZE PILOTS TO MOST RECENT EXAMPLE SHOWN IN YUKIO MISHIMA'S ABORTIVE UPRISING. ROBERT TAYLOR (GLOBE 8/26) REVIEWS SAME BOOK, NOTES V-ADM ONISHI, WHO ORGANIZED KAMIKAZE CORPS, SHARED PATTERN OF AWARENESS OF "PATHOS OF THINGS" -- DAY AFTER SURRENDER COMMITTED HAKIRI AND WHILE DYING COMPOSED POEM ABOUT SHINING MOON, THAT HE DESCRIBED IN LAST WORDS AS "NOT BAD FOR AN OLD MAN."

WP (8/31) FINDS GROWING INCLINATION IN CONGRESS TO CUT BACK GRAIN EXPORTS FOLLOWING RISE IN FOOD PRICES LAST MONTH, AND PROMISE OF FURTHER RISE. NOTES INFLATIONARY DISRUPTION CAUSED BY ONE CUSTOMER -- SOVIET -- IN CONTRAST TO WAY JAPAN BUYS GRAIN, STEADILY, CONSISTENTLY, WHILE MAKING INTENTIONS CLEAR PUBLICLY LONG IN ADVANCE.

AGREES INCREASING US FARM EXPORTS BENEFIT WHOLE COUNTRY, BUT SUGGESTS THIS REQUIRES FIRM NEGOTIATION WITH SOVIETS FOR SAME KIND OF UNDERSTANDING US NOW HAS WITH JAPANESE CUSTOMERS.

KEYES BEECH (BALTO N-A 9/2) FINDS NO REDUCTION OF 18,000-MAN THIRD MARDIV IN OKINAWA AFTER VN WITHDRAWAL, AND TOTAL OF 33,000 US TROOPS ON OKINAWA ONLY 10,000 FEWER THAN 1970 WHEN ISLAND REVERTED TO JAPAN. STATES PRESENT SITUATION "UNLIKELY TO CHANGE" DESPITE LEFTIST AGITATION FOR REMOVAL OF BASES SINCE ISLAND HAS TAKEN ON NEW IMPORTANCE TO WASHINGTON, TOKYO FOLLOWING INDOCHINA FALL. DECLARES OKINAWA REMAINS CORNERSTONE OF US DEFENSE STRATEGY IN WPAC AND KEY ELEMENT IN DEFENSE OF ROK, JAPAN, WITHOUT WHICH US WOULD HAVE NO FORWARD STRATEGY IN PAC.

JAMESON (LAT 8/30) NOTES SECDEF ASKED BY PRESS IN TOKYO WHY US ACCEPTED JAPANESE BID FOR ANNUAL DEFENSE CHIEF MEETINGS NOW AFTER REJECTING SAME PROPOSAL IN 1970 -- REPLIED "GREATER APPRECIATION NOW" BY US OF NEED FOR MORE BALANCED ROLE IN PARTNERSHIP.

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JAMESON COMMENTS (LAT 8/31) THAT SECDEF BROUGHT US-JAPAN SECURITY RELATIONS TO POINT THEY COULD HAVE BEEN FIVE YEARS AGO, HAD NOT LAIRD REJECTED PROPOSAL BY THEN-MINDEF NAKASONE DURING 1970 WASHINGTON VISIT FOR ANNUAL DEFENSE CHIEF MEETING. SAYS SECDEF SUGGESTED ACCEPTANCE NOW BASED ON JAPAN'S "GROWING AWARENESS OF SECURITY PROBLEMS," BUT OBSERVES CHANGE IN WASHINGTON ATTITUDE TOWARD JAPAN MAY BE MORE TO POINT. RECALLS WASHINGTON BUSY WITH VN IN 1970, IRRITATED WITH JAPAN; LAIRD ADVISED BY AMB MEYER WITH ENCOURAGEMENT BY MFA THAT NAKASONE "AMBITIOUS POLITICIAN WHO COULD NOT BE TRUSTED"; THUS, LAIRD IGNORED NAKASONE PROPOSAL, EVEN THOUGH OFFERED US OPPORTUNITY HAVE JAPAN CONTRIBUTE MORE TO SECURITY RELATIONSHIP.

ALSO RECALLS LAIRD SNUB FOLLOWED BY NIXON FAILURE INFORM JAPAN OF PEKING VISIT, "BLUDGEONING THREATS" TO EXTRACT TEXTILE AGREEMENT, AND US MAY 1973 FOREIGN POLICY WHITE PAPER THAT DECLARED ECONOMIC ISSUES WITH JAPAN "COULD THREATEN TO TEAR THE FABRIC OF OUR ALLIANCE."

NOTES SECDEF VISIT TOKYO MIKI VISIT WASHINGTON, MAKE ALL THIS SOUND LIKE ANCIENT HISTORY, AND SECDEF "BITING CRITICISM" OF JAPAN'S "HALF-HEARTED" DEFENSE EFFORTS TAKEN CALMLY BY JAPANESE ESTABLISHMENT, PERHAPS

BECAUSE HE REPEATEDLY TOOK NOTICE OF CONSTITUTIONAL RESTRAINT ON ARMS BUILD-UP, AND STRESSED US NOT SEEKING ROLE FOR JAPANESE TROOPS ABROAD -- SENSITIVE POINTS IN JAPAN WHICH LAIRD FAILED MAKE DURING 1971 VISIT.

14. KOREA

SAAR (WP) IN TOKYO SAYS US DILEMMA IN SEOUL GRAPHICALLY
PORTRAYED LAST WEEK BY CONTRAST BETWEEN TWO MEN
RUSHING THROUGH FRENZIED MORNING TRAFFIC ON DIFFERENT
MISSIONS -- SECDEF TO SCM AND OPPOSITION LEADER KIM
DAE JUNG, KIDNAPPED FROM TOKYO IN 1973, ON WAY TO COURT
AGAIN TO ANSWER CHARGES BASED ON 1971 PRES CAMPAIGN
SPEECH IN WHICH HE ALLEGEDLY WARNED PARK WOULD FORM
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"GENERALISSIMO" TYPE DICTATORSHIP UNLESS VOTED OUT OF
OFFICE (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

GLOBE (8/29) CARRIES AD PLACED BY KOREAN INFO SVC,
STOCKHOLM, GIVING TRANSCRIPT OF KIM IL SUNG INTERVIEW
BY AFP'S MITTERAND IN NOUOKCHOTT MAY 31, 1975.

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PHILA BULLETIN (8/29) QUESTIONS INTL LINGO USED AT
LIMA WHERE "NONALIGNED" NATIONS DECIDED ADMIT NK, NVN,
BUT EXCLUDE SK. POINTS OUT ALIGNMENT NK, NVN WITH
COMMUNIST BLOCK FIRM AS SK'S WITH US. BELIEVES MAYBE
ALIGNMENTS WOULD BE DIFFERENT IF 3RD, 4TH WORLDS
COULD STRIP AWAY FANCY LINGO, PROPERLY IDENTIFY
ONE ANOTHER.

16. INDOCHINA

WILLS (WSTAR 9/2) WONDERS IF US HAS LEARNED LESSON OF
VN ABOUT GROUND WARS IN ASIA. FINDS ONE WHO DOES: USMC
CO WHO CRITICIZES MARINES' MISSION IN VN SINCE GVN
HAD LITTLE SUPPORT, SAYS IN EFFECT VN WAR MADE LITTLE
SENSE, BROUGHT US NOTHING BUT CAUSED POLARIZATION IN US
LIFE.

17. THAILAND

GLOBE'S SNOW (8/29) REVIEWS RECENT THAILAND EVENTS NOTES
US ALLIES, ADVERSARIES KEEP WATCHFUL EYE ON DEVELOPMENTS
THERE. QUOTES DOD OFFICIAL THAT PRINCIPAL SHORT-RUN
CONCERN IS EXTENT HANOI WILL PROMOTE INSURGENCY IN
NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES LIKE THAILAND. NOTES CONFLICT
AT DOD, DOS OVER HANOI CONNECTION WITH RECENT THAI

TROUBLES. REVIEWS CROSS-CURRENTS OF RECENT THAI
RELATIONS AS THEY TREAD TIGHTROPE, JEALOUSLY GUARD
INDEPENDENCE, FENCE-MEND WITH NEIGHBORS, STAND SOMEWHAT
UNSTEADILY IN WORLD TODAY. SAYS LATEST THAI RIOTING
HAS ALL PARTIES WONDERING IF UNREST HAS INTERNAL
CAUSE, INTL EFFECT, OR OTHER WAY AROUND.

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WRITING IN WP, CARLETON U'S (OTTAWA) DAVID VAN PRAAGH FINDS "NEW REALISM" EMERGING IN ASIA: MANY COUNTRIES RECOGNIZE POLITICAL STABILITY, IMMUNITY AGAINST COMMUNIST INSURGENCY, CAN ONLY BE ASSURED BY FAIR DISTRIBUTION OF ECON BENEFITS AND PROGRESS THROUGHOUT CITIES, COUNTRYSIDE; PRC, NEEDING TIME TO DEVELOP ECONOMICALLY, CONSOLIDATE POLITICALLY, SEES NVN, INDIA, POSSIBLY NK, AS POTENTIALLY DISRUPTIVE AGENTS OF INTRUDING SOVIET; JAPAN ALSO MAKING ITS WEIGHT FELT, AS LEADING NON-COMMUNIST ASIAN POWER. UNFORTUNATELY, NEW REALISM DOES NOT EXTEND YET TO INDONESIA, PHILS, BURMA, WHOSE LEADERS' BLINDNESS IN EQUATING THEIR OWN POWER WITH PEOPLE'S WELFARE WILL LEAD TO FRESH CIVIL WAR, WIDER CONFLICT. MALAYSIA LEADERS KNOW WHAT'S NEEDED TO "DESTRUCTURE" SOCIETY FAIRLY, BUT SO FAR HAVEN'T DONE IT (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

MANCHESTER GUARDIAN'S WOOLLACOTT, IN BANGKOK, OBSERVES POINT FAST APPROACHING WHERE FREEDOM OF ANGLO-AMERICAN PRESS TO ROAM WORLD UNHINDERED IS NOT ONLY BEING RESTRICTED, BUT PRINCIPLE ITSELF BEING REJECTED. NOTES WESTERN PRESS IN LAST FEW MONTHS GENTLY EASED OUT OF SVN, LAOS. THIRD WORLD COMPLAINS WESTERN PRESS CONCENTRATES ON ITS "BAD NEWS" -- FEW REPORTERS VISIT LUZON MODEL LAND-REFORM PROJECTS, PREFERRING COVER WAR WITH REBELS; HANDFUL OF REPORTERS ALLOWED INTO BURMA CONSISTENTLY WRITE OFF COUNTRY AS TOTAL FAILURE; IN MALAYSIA, CORRESPONDENTS INDUSTRIALLY PRICK AT RACE RELATIONS SCAB; IN ROC, CHOSEN THEMES ARE DOMINANT MINORITY'S CONFLICT WITH NATIVE TAIWANESE AND TAIWAN'S LIMITED CHANCES LONG-TERM SURVIVAL; RE PRC, REPORTERS CONCENTRATE ON SUCCESSION QUEST; WESTERN REPORTING OF VN "RATHER UNREALISTICALLY" CONCENTRATES ON CHANCES OF HANOI-PRG CONFLICT. TO BE HOPED RISING ASIAN TIDE OF CENSORSHIP, OTHER RESTRICTIONS, WILL IN TIME RECEDE FOR, DESPITE WESTERN PRESS EXCESSES, STUPIDITIES IN ASIA, AFRICA, THERE IS NOTHING ELSE TO TAKE ITS PLACE (LAT 8/31). KISSINGER
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